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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE OF LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE

EXPRESSES HOPE FOR FUTURE CONSENSUS ON LAW OF THE SEA

1. ON JULY 27, LOS CONFERENCE PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE, DURING CALL BY AMB LEONARD ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT TO LEONARD ABOUT US REACTION TO LOS "INFORMAL COMPOSITE NEGOTIATING TEXT" (UN DOCUMENT A/CONF.62/WP.10, 15 JULY 1977). AMERASINGHE SAID HE WISHED OUR DELEGATIONS INITIAL REACTION TO "INFORMAL COMPOSITE NEGOTIATING TEXT" HAS BEEN MADE AFTER CONSIDERATION OF HIS "EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM" TO "COMPOSITE TEXT" (UN DOCUMENT A/CONF. 62/WP.10/ADD.1, 22 JULY 1977).

2. AMERASINGHE STRESSED THAT, AS HE HAD EMPHASIZED IN HIS "EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM", THE "INFORMAL COMPOSITE NEGOTIATING TEXT" REMAINED ANYTHING BUT A CONSENSUS DOCUMENT AND IT HAD NOT BEEN INTENDED TO BE SUCH. IN
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THIS CONNECTION, THE "EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM" STATES IN PART:

"THE CONFERENCE ALSO AGREED THAT

THE COMPOSITE NEGOTIATING TEXT WOULD BE INFORMAL IN CHARACTER AND WOULD HAVE THE SAME STATUS AS THE INFORMAL SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT AND THE REVISED SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT AND WOULD, THEREFORE, SERVE PURELY AS A PROCEDURAL DEVICE AND

ONLY PROVIDE A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION WITHOUT AFFECTING THE RIGHT OF ANY DELEGATION TO SUGGEST REVISIONS IN THE SEARCH FOR A CONSENSUS. IT WOULD BE RELEVANT TO RECALL HERE THE OBSERVATION MADE IN MY PROPOSAL REGARDING THE PREPARATION OF THIS TEXT THAT IT WOULD NOT HAVE THE CHARACTER AND STATUS OF THE TEXT WHICH WAS PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION AND PRESENTED TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE OF 1958 AND WOULD, THEREFORE, NOT HAVE THE STATUS OF A BASIC PROPOSAL THAT WOULD STAND UNLESS REJECTED BY THE REQUISITE MAJORITY."

3. AMERASINGHE SAID HE HAD RESERVED INSERTING HIS INFLUENCE IN DRAFTING OF "INFORMAL COMPOSITE NEGOTIATING TEXT" UNTIL LATER WHEN DELEGATIONS WOULD HAVE MADE SUGGESTIONS FOR REVISIONS. THUS, AMERASINGHE'S MESSAGE WAS VERY MUCH TO EFFECT THAT THAT GAME NOT UP, THAT FUTURE HOLDS REAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR MOVEMENT TOWARD CONSENSUS, AND THAT HE WILL WORK HARD FOR ONE.
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